

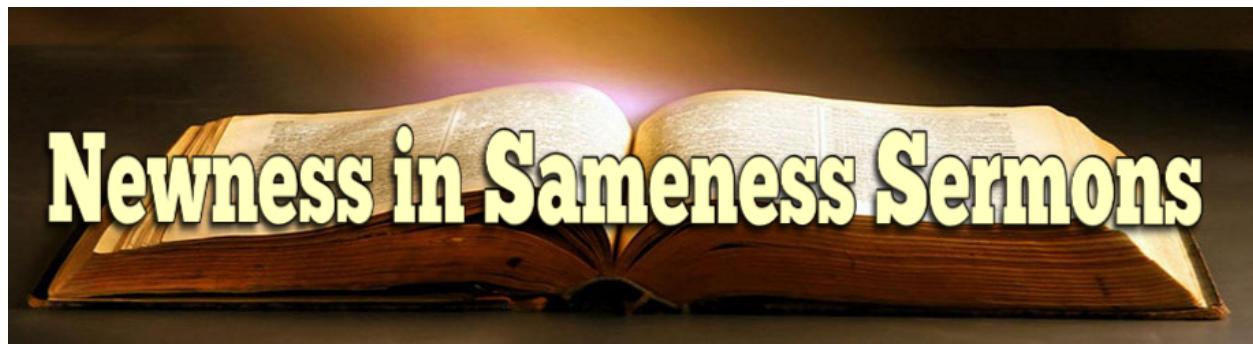
# FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELISTS AND MINISTERS



By Grace - Through Faith (Eph.2:8)

## January 2019 Newsletter

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by Frank Rowley

Sermons that speak of Jesus Christ from Scripture are a blessing. The Bible comes alive when Jesus is central in the sermon.

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” Hebrews 13:8. What a privilege to declare the unchangeableness of the Lord Jesus. The ‘sameness’ of the Saviour is the solid foundation of our faith and witness ministry. Time and ages roll on through generations but He remains the same. It is a delight for every Christian to know and experience a continual newness in the sameness! ‘Sameness’ sermons explain the continuing newness of the Saviour in all his saving power. All new truths today are really old established truths revisited and explained in a fresh way. The food of Scripture is good on a new plate!

Psalms 34:8 O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him ... Psalms 119:103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste! yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! ... Song of Songs 2:3 He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

In the Lord's earthly time amongst all the people in sunny Israel he often shared a meal of some sort, with them. He enjoyed eating out with hungry folk on the grassy hillside. He fed all those who followed him and listened to him and finally to those who obeyed him. He is in charge of such matters. Let us remember the scene in Matthew gospel. "And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. He said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children." Matthew14:15-21.

That marvellous meal was something similar to what I imagine most of the hearers and followers had eaten on many previous occasions at home. The menu that evening was bread and fish from a young boys lunch box. With it, Jesus fed 5000+ people. The food was free at the point of need. It was heavens restaurant on the hillside of hunger. It was better than Harrods restaurant on the London high street. What I am seeing here is a newness in the sameness. Hope you see this truth in the same way. It is Jesus that provides at all times and in all situations. Our Lord and Saviour is our daily provider of the essential things in our life. He brings a newness into the sameness of each new day.

We have a new gift package to open each day from the hand of the Lord of heaven and earth. Christians have tasted new life in Jesus. Made possible for us because Jesus tasted death for all.

Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.Certainly we are saved to the uttermost by the man on the middle Cross of Calvary. Not by an

archbishop in a Cathedral. Jesus is the one and only way to newness of life and forgiveness of sin. Let us remind ourselves of the answer of Jesus to one of the questioning disciples – Thomas.

“Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” John 14:5-6. That is the absolute power and truth of the saving gospel. Preachers and Pastors Proclaim an Ever-new Gospel. It is old yet ever new. Perhaps the Holy Spirit will give power and authority in delivery of the saving truth. Not by been different for the sake of been different, but bringing a freshness a newness, some heavenly colour into pulpit ministry. Bread and fish is bread and fish. However with Jesus present it becomes priceless and heavenly, it will meet men and women in their place of hunger and need. We need a bread and fish revival in most of our churches and fellowships and assemblies. “Lord feed our people again with the bread of heaven turn on the mighty fountain of heavenly water and drench our neat warm comfortable buildings with heart warming truth and life changing direction.” May we enjoy newness in the glorious sameness of scriptures such as the following for example.

“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” John 3:14-17.

If you feel the call to preach the gospel in 2019. Make it the same gospel of the Bible. Get to the Cross of Calvary early in your message. Keep away from unbelieving experts. Look at the people and speak clearly so as to be heard. Don’t let truth become tedious. Use inspired imagination at times and lift high the unchangeable Name of Jesus.

Ministry in 2019: All my ministry will be taken from the Book of Revelation.



# January Report

By Colin and Brenda Ryan

November has ended with us tired and quite worn out. It began with three preaching dates in the first eight days. The first Sunday at Withyditch chapel we were reminded of how illness can affect all that we do. Almost a third of our congregation were ill or unable to attend the monthly afternoon service. Yet our Lord is both good and more than ready to bless even small numbers. We should not count numbers, I know, but our human nature pushes us into doing so.

On the Friday evening I spoke at the house meeting at Combe Down, Bath, again numbers were low, but we had a good time of fellowship along with refreshments. It was good that there were a few non-Christians there. On the Sunday we had a big change in the way we do things. I was booked to preach quite a way from home and the person who usually take us was not able to drive. So Brenda and I book into a local b&b for the weekend. What a great rest and refreshment the Lord gave us. At the evening service I felt a far greater freedom in preaching than I have for sometime. Instead of the normal 15-18 there were 20 plus there. Again we were blessed with tea and cake afterwards.

On the 4th Friday it was our Drop-in Meeting with the area Rep from MAF speaking. Again the Lord blessed and we ran on quite late, the questions just did not stop coming. Afterwards, tea, rolls, cake, etc, we gave them a free-will offering of £147.

The services at Union chapel, where Brenda and I attended, and where we first met, are now on the Sermon Audio Web Site, and get over a 1,000 downloads each week. High-light of the month at the Chapel was when the Pastor's son was baptised. In the new year we are to look into appointing a

full-time youth pastor. We now have three youth groups that meet on Friday evening plus an after-school club on a Wednesday.

Sunday school numbers are holding up well. The Monday meeting Brenda and I help at now has around 30 there each Monday, most of them with no Church/Chapel background. What a great God we have.

The month ended with Brenda quite unwell, she has great problems with the nerve's in her neck that the doctors can't seem to pin down. Please pray for her as she finds it painful to try and sleep and at times even walking is a burden. Yet our God answer's our prayers and she has not missed a service or prayer meeting, but has been often in very great pain afterwards.

December: what a month this has been. On the first Sunday I preached at Withyditch, our monthly service at the small Chapel. How the Lord blessed. We provide flowers, food etc, for the service. At 4-30 on the Saturday we had a phone call, can our daughter bring some friends along? Yes we said. Wow if last month's number was very low, this service we had 25+ I preached on Luke 2, can we believe what the Bible says. We sang 5 carols and had four readings by candle-light, yes it was dark enough at 3 o'clock on a Dec. Sunday how they sang. How they listened how we shared time together after-wards. It was gone 5pm when we finally left and locked the Chapel. What a God we have.

Thursday evening prayer meeting, Friday Drop-in meeting, I spoke on the life and faith of A. W. Pink. Happy time. The following Monday we helped in a Carol Service at a local Retirement home, around 50 there, more than ever before.

Christmas week-end, busy, Union chapel had two services on the Sunday, another half-hour one on Monday evening and the same again at 10.30 Christmas morning. We had prayed much about this and worked just as hard to make it work. And the Lord answered our prayers, each service saw more people than we expected. One lady said she counted 80 visitors over the four services. But best of all was people saying "Thank you for putting a leaflet through our door asking us to come, no-one ever done that before." We pray they will come again.

It was not an easy time for us, Brenda has had two hospital appointments, as have I, neither of our problems have been sorted out and we wait to be

told what is wrong with both of us. Brenda's pain is getting much worse, but her faith lifts her up. Myself? Well, I have problems with my throat and my sleep pattern. We leave both in His hands.

January began with me preaching, at Withyditch, for the 2nd month in a row. I spoke on John 9:25, "One thing I know" At Union Chapel we have made the first full week of the New Year, a week of prayer with a time of prayer each week-day, these are held at different times to allow people to attend. As we come towards the end of the month, things have not slowed down one bit. Its a busy time at Union Chapel. Last week saw the person we are praying about to be youth pastor was with us. On the Thursday he took the prayer/Bible study, Friday he met with the three different youth age groups, Saturday he met the Sunday School children at a party. Then preached both morning and evening on the Sunday 20th. This coming Sunday 27th, we have Tony Brown from "The Evangelists Association & Cults Investigated" with us. Then the 2nd weekend in Feb is a PWMI weekend.

Sadly ill health has curtailed our Drop-in meeting as the person in whose home we hold it has had an operation to remove a cancer growth on his head, this has not healed and is a great concern to us all. God willing we shall restart the 2nd Friday in February. The Monday meeting restarted after the Christmas break and numbers are holding up well. For this we thank our wonderful God.

Brenda's problems are not getting any better. An MRI scan has shown that she has damage to 4 of her vertebrae, these are compressing the left hand nerves in her neck and left arm. It seems an op will be the next step. This has caused her fibromyalgia to flare up leaving her constantly very tired and in a lot of pain. As for myself the news is somewhat better. My problem is a nodule on my thyroid gland which should cause no further problems. How ever we thank God for His constant closeness and help.

I close with a wonderful quote from Thomas Bradbury on Ephesians 3:12, all emphases are his;- "In whom." How came they there? Paul answers the question in 1 Corinthians 1:30, "But of Him are ye in Christ Jesus." No mortal ever had a hand in the gracious, glorious, eternal act. Before the daystar knew its place Jehovah's delight was in the elect son's and daughters of men. Even then He rejoiced in the habitable part of His earth-the election of grace. Look at them as they appear in Christ according to

the first chapter of our Epistle! Chosen in Him to salvation, life, grace and glory. Blessed in Him with all spiritual blessings. Predestinated in Him to all the privileges and glories of His kingdom. Accepted in Him adorned with all His moral excellencies, spiritual graces and mediatorial glories. Redeemed in Him from Hell, curse and all evil. Forgiven in Him from all sins, past, present and to come. Gathered together in Him to the enjoyment of an eternal inheritance. Sealed in Him with that Holy Spirit of promise. Believing in Him according to His resurrection power. Quickened together in Him. Raised up together in Him. Made nigh to God in Him. Preserved in Him (Jude 1) Then glance at that glorious eighth of Romans which commences with no condemnation in Christ Jesus and concludes with no separation from Christ Jesus. But the text leads up to the contemplation of the provisions of grace we have in Christ Jesus, like blessed 2 Timothy 1:9, "Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began."

What a glorious patrimony! Who can tell that which is untellable?



By Richard Hardy

'Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Greetings from Southport and kind regards to all. We are looking forward to a new year and we are very busy within the Church. We have seen some new people coming during the last month or so, and we thank God. Another person has requested Believers Baptism, which we are currently arranging. We also have seen some families attending and we are praying through the ways we can help and teach them going forward.

Our fellowship has been continuing to meet for joint fellowship meals, with our brothers and sisters at the Brethren Church. These are outreach meetings where we can invite people, and they have a meal and hear the Gospel. We continue to hire this Chapel from them, and they have been very supportive and good friends.

We have a number of special meetings arranged, and we would value your prayers for this. More details are on our website. But two forthcoming meetings are;

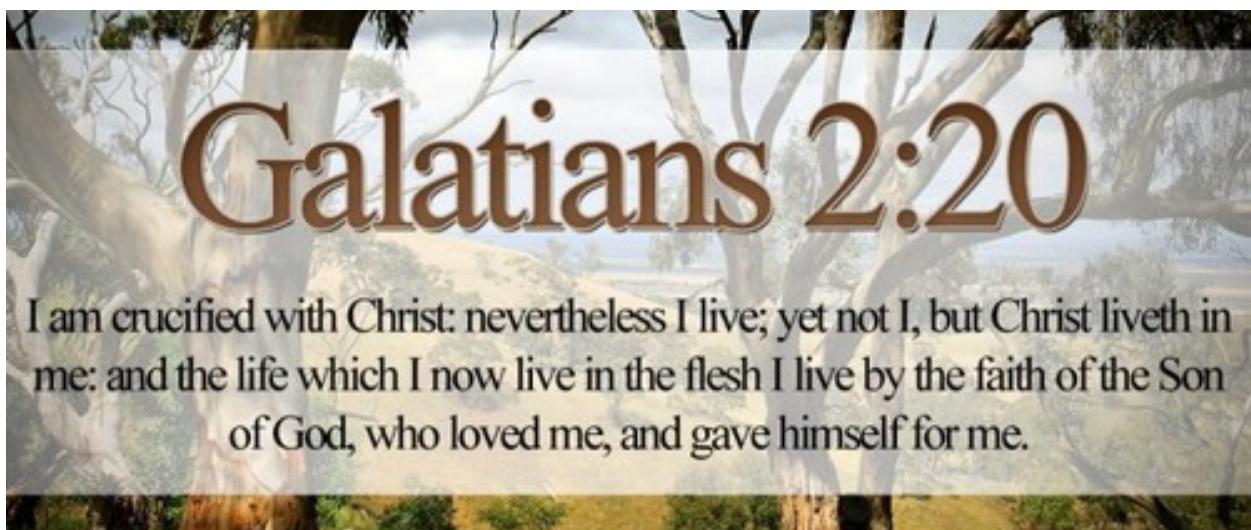
‘Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry’ on Sunday 7th April 2019 at 3pm.

‘The Faith Mission’ on Sunday 23rd June 2019 at 3pm.

We are trying also to have an ‘Answers in Genesis’ meeting sometime in the Spring. Once confirmed I will put details on our diary page. The last meeting was very well attended, with many visitors, we thank the Lord.

The internet is reaching out with the Gospel. We have had new people coming who have seen us online. The eBooks are being read, and I try to make these free or discounted whenever I can.

The Lord bless you all, and remember that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.





By Gary Hall

We moved into our new home on 18 January after a long and laborious, and dare I say, tiresome journey trying to find a house that suited our needs. As you know, we were living in an apartment after selling our house in April 2018. Initially this was satisfactory, but Margaret and I soon realised that we could not stay there after our tenancy expired, that is, we would not renew the lease. This was largely due to a 'teenage' 80 year old gentleman living above us. It's unbelievable how one elderly man could make so much noise from early morning to late into the night! We did approach Glynn about the noise of his TV, radio, music etc, but to no avail. As I give people nicknames to remember them by, I thought 'Glynn the Din' was appropriate.

Our new home is a detached bungalow, front and back gardens, and situated on a relatively new estate (1990) in West Derby, Liverpool. The area was originally under the ownership of Lord Derby. West Derby Village existed centuries before Liverpool was ever created, therefore it is one of the oldest areas in the region. Though we own the house and land, apparently the existing Lord Derby has the right to any coal, gold and silver we might dig up in the garden!

Margaret continues to deliver tracts to every home in Liverpool. She has covered Liverpool 8, 17, 17, 18, 19 and is currently working on 12 to 14. She dropped one through a convent door only to be questioned by a nun. This has offered opportunity to visit the lady once a week and talk about the true Gospel of Christ. The nun is dying of cancer and is very open to the Word of God. Please pray that Margaret would be allowed to visit this nun more often. Margaret spends every Monday lunch taking a Bible club at the

school she retired from. The children are very receptive to the Gospel and eagerly await her visit to the school.

We continue to meet in the hired room in a Church of England building in Liverpool 8. The vicar, who was quite evangelical, is now in a different area of Liverpool. He was very kind and welcoming towards us. The church will install a new vicar in Summer, but we have learned that because the Bishop of Liverpool supports 'inclusiveness', there is every possibility that a gay vicar might take up the role. This would immediately cause us problems, and I'm certain that he or she will not want us using the church. We could of course revert back to being a house church. Please keep us in prayer over this as we need the Lord's guidance.

Because of moving home, we have only been meeting on a Sunday Evening, but in February we aim to reestablish our midweek Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. This will bring us back to where we left off in our study of the Book of Revelation.

There is a possibility that FEM will meet up in 2019. After considering our members needs, I think that May or June might be the best option. Any suggestions regarding the date and venue would be appreciated.

Every blessing.



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